headed scientists-men like Professor

SIMON NEWCOMB, for instance. He has

recorded his belief that owing to the

carry despatches quickly. But in order

to be an acknowledged success in these

respects it must be able to reach heights

beyond practicable gun range, and its

motor must be powerful enough to

drive it along for many hours at a time.

In its present state of development,

wonderful as the feats of the Wright

aeroplane are, it could not be used with

College Socialists.

They have everything at a large uni-

versity these days. Even study occurs;

breaks down, not with athletic but in-

tellectual strain. They have every-

Transcript that "there are Socialist

of action being too limited.

to name.

ionating and so little is action

Hon. WILLIAM R. HEARST.

ground.

In the Ju Ja country, to which the Con-

phernalia to continue his studies as

faunal naturalist, it would not be surpris

Surely there is great promise and inspira-

The People of the Lighthouse.

Association for the Blind is making to com-

only organized power in your State that i

trying to help the sightless to help them

the association its promised working capital Gifts intended to fill this gap should be sen

"Trimble" and absolutely unknown

o them is soliciting money in behalf of the

The "Lone Star" to the "Red Planet."

From the Houston Post.
From somewhere down here in Texas
We shall yell hello to Mars.
And shall flash a joyous greeting
From the old earth to the stars.
And we'll tell them of the wonders
We've accomplished, and we'll trace
All our deeds in lightning flashes
Throughout interstellar space.

We will tell them how Wright brothers Have at least learned how to filt

Have at last learned how to fill Iske bald eagles, and we'll show them The United States is it; And we'll tell of other wonders That it has been ours to do. And of other dreams we're dreaming That will soon be coming true.

And we'll send a message for them, Message for each Martian chap. Simply telling them it's Texas, 'That bright place upon the map That they're looking at, and tell them We have watermeloon here.

And we'll signal them with cabbage in symmetrical designs.
Or tomatoes tail and growing.
Or with watermedon vines:
We have gardens big enough to Be seen through the miles of space;
We don't need a mile wide mirror,
We'll grow signals on the place.

When we show them miles of cabbage Green and growing, and a bunch Of sleek cattle, 'twill be asking Them to come across to funch; When we show them miles of melons Round and hefty on the vine They will know they will be welcome If they'll step across to dine.

Oh, they'll signal Mars from Texas.
They will be compelled to do that.
Por It is a clack that Texas
Is the spot they're looking at.
And the effort would be wasted
If 'twere put forth otherwhere:
Texas' will be the first signal
That goes leaping through the air.

JUDD MORTHER LEWIS.

less helper of the blind, asks THE SUN

but their enthusiasm is certainly noteworthy."

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The Produce Exchange and the Barge Canal.

The course of events is making a commentary than which none could the exit. and indeed a practically incalculable Hudson River.

of a new Erie Canal from Buffalo to the if he will. Mr. NEWBERRY abandoned This vast and costly undertaking had so-called "Admiral" CAPPS. Mr. MEYER its inception in the demands made can at least restore the original situatherefor by the members of the Produce involve the Attorney-General? There Exchange of this city, their efforts re- is no question of law in this. It is a ceiving in the later stages of the propa- question of the caprice of the head of ganda the assistance of certain business the Navy Department, and what one interests in the city of Buffalo that in Secretary has done his successor can former years made a very good thing MEYER needs advice—the fact indeed out of the operation of transshipping is evident; but Mr. WICKERSHAM has grain from Lake steamers to canal boats no function in the affair. It is not a in that town. The best sentiment of the matter of law but of administration, and State was opposed to the entire propo- over that arena Mr. MEYER rules. If sition. It has time and again been de- he doesn't see his way to dealing with it, so much the worse for all of us! monstrated, however, that in this State a moderately small number of men can by dint of persistent hammering accomplish wonders in the way of legislation; and the combination described was finally able to extort from the crat?" The task, moreover, is under-Legislature a bill submitting to the taken by no less a scholar, statesman annoys in headlines, we should hurl aside people for ratification a constitutional and friend of pure science than the Hon. stnendment providing for the new canal. NORMAN E. MACK of Buffalo, whose man who has stood four square with a Toletor and Gorky are discussed, not as fash This amendment was passed, as all such amandments submitted to the people usually are. It was pointed out at the time by far sighted observers that the gospel of Democracy, the lasting ex- pected to speak truthfully? For ourexport business in grain which consti- pression in printer's ink of the meantuted the bulk of Produce Exchange ing of Democratic principles, is to be dent, twosome, foursome, and then some, in this city was steadily and placed in the hands of the faithful. rapidly diminishing from purely natural Democratic magazine, is universal. "We scribe the splendors of his stroke. No. causes; that the consumption of grain want Texas to know each month what if we really wished to know, as we don't, listics, at present tracking the unicorn in the United States was equalling the they are doing and saying and thinking we should seek the caddy-in whose and the rubberplantigrade geranocamproduction thereof with such rapidity about in New York," writes Mr. Mack in eyes Presidents are but putters after all, elobos in the liver of Africa. Wait for Mr. Roosevelt, when every assertion of the that within a short time there would be his eloquent foreword. "The Republand greatness nothing as compared with kind; that the conduct of such export he continues, with a proper business transactions as were necessary was field; but with mere business fore-

eral hundred millions of dollars for the the manufacture of these, to an infant construction of a waterway across the industry of magnificent prospects, does State represented only a costly and use- Mr. MACK devote his medium. less sacrifice on the part of the taxpayers of the community. These charges monthly without the blessing of BRYAN were heatedly denied by the Produce was too great a problem to be dismissed Exchange interests in this city and Buffalo. It was declared that the nated by one figure. If he had been growth of the city of New York and the writing Mr. BRYAN'S very obituary Mr. commercial well being of the State abso- MACK would hardly have touched a lutely depended upon keeping up the more lofty note of enthusiasm. "No Erie Canal and expending money for one catches more quickly and reverse it was "the belief of many military men its enlargement. All this happened nearly ten years ago. Mr. MACK, and adds the fitting vale-At the moment the members of the New dictory-or it may be welcome-"the

York Produce Exchange are debating a truest representative of the common eral WRIGHT's treatment of the subject proposition, which will unquestionably people this age has ever produced. be carried, to sell their building and to No; looking at it calmly, we doubt if any facts, for the Signal Corps in experidivide the profits thereof among themselves, upon the obvious ground that the business has dwindled to such small necessary for its sole use and that it can just as well be carried on "in a room rented somewhere for the purpose."

A Dilemma in Buckram.

The Hon. GEORGE VON L. MEYER, Secretary of the Navy, is reported by sympathizing newspapers as immersed in a guandary and as having sent to Attorney-General WICKERSHAM a Mace-Hence the hurry call on Mr. WICKERwhat malodorous density.

Engineering of the Navy are:

and duly confirmed by the Senate.

it was consolidated with the Bureau is all we want to know." This seems to cannot be used as an engine of attack,

3. Commander Hutch I. Cons., who authorized person will trespass. place by Secretary MEYER himself with and cattle dotted prairies" of Mr. That has been the opinion of cool-

President TAPT's knowledge and con- MACK's fertile foreword we can borrow even a hasty look in up to date so far as any real authority is concerned.

dilemma is formidable. All three of velt men on guard both East and West to extend them to great lengths hori- of May 10, sent out by the Canal Commisthese agreeable gentlemen cannot oc- will be heard from and the ruction zontally in order to compete in carrycupy the place at the same moment, yet begin." For our part we say, let the ing capacity with the dirigible balloon. all of them have claims which must be "ruction" begin at once. Democracy The weight of the motor that would be completed "by August 1, 1911." It will respectfully, considered, and meanwhile has at last a medium. Later the Demoit is of the first importance that one crat may have a definition, but with vested with some effectual authority. Monthly shall Jeffersonian principles and the world will be inclined to accept to provide more digging and delay the day The Navy Department, even as things perish or Jacksonian ideals vanish from their opinion that the improved aerowere before the Newberry extrava- the earth? Not so long as Mr. Mack's plane will be used in warfare as a scoutganza, was sufficiently hampered with medium reprints them with illustra- ing craft and as a courier of the air to conflicting claims and coils of repeti- tions, we promise. tion and interference. Now it is reduced to the alternative of universal domination by the Construction Bureau of the Association, William M. Laffan, 170 or the complete and unmistakable reinstallation of military control. The late Secretary NEWBERRY'S "reorganization" scheme has destroyed the line's legitimate position. The trained officers of the navy have no longer any voice in the design of the military engines which they are expected to command, manœuvre, and if necessary ake into action. Secretary NEWBERRY'S nightmare of reform has effectually excluded them from authoritative action in the navy yards, where the ships are built, repaired, provisioned and equipped; and now Secretary MEYER, finding himself in a hopeless

We call it a dilemma in buckram, and the monumental absurdity now being so it is. Stout old Jack's vision of the practice to play a game which would committed by the people of the State ruffians of Gad's Hill was quite as real of New York in spending an immense as Mr. MEYER's adumbration of the amount of money in the construction predecessor, and he can easily undo it the navy yards to the control of the tion by a mere stroke of his pen. Why

his hands and calls on the Attorney-

General to lift the clouds and indicate

Mack's Medium.

At last a serious, sustained and scholarly effort is to be made to answer that vet been necessary. transcendent inquiry: "What is a Demo-National Monthly, mentioned aforetime, President, listened to the swish and longite reformers but from the standpoint of now comes to our hands. Once every whir of his brassy, caught gentle Presi-thinkers. month, from Maine to California, from dential patter when the turf was torn Canada to the Gulf of Mexico, the pure and the ball unmoved, can he be ex-

lican party has many such mediums," appreciation of the value of an exclusive the sunshine of the seventh green, inevitably gravitating toward seaports thought we need not linger. Almost other than that of New York, such as the instantly the true prophetic note, and tremor which even tangency to Insure the Charles and be patient! Gulf cities, to which grain could be the clarion call of the prophet, sounds greatness must produce-lives there an more easily sent; and that the idea of forth: "What the party [the Democratic American who could fail to see sublimest bonding the State of New York for sevissues on which we can all agree."

> lightly. Even the literary horizon of Democracy is illuminated and domimore deeply the heart throbs of the masses than Mr. BRYAN"; so deposes friend of Mr. BRYAN could take offence menting with aeronautics had been say that \$13,000 is yet needed to assure to

or even refuse subscription. have upon its side its share of capital with a small dirigible balloon, and owing Herbert S. Barnes, at the Lighthouse, 118 proportions that no building at all is as well as labor." Of course this is a to the accident to the Wright aeroplane heard, by the way, that a woman calling concession, a regrettable concession- which resulted in the death of Lieutenit smacks of the business office. It ant THOMAS E. SELFRIDGE the War Decould not have been printed in the partment had not acquired the machine Commoner even by mistake. When the and was waiting for proof that it would people in Texas realize that the people satisfy the contract conditions. The fact in New York are thinking about this, we was our military men knew so little fear they will be shocked, but it may about aerial flight by actual experience please New York; at least Mr. MACK that, as in the case of General WRIGHT, probably thought so.

that the mere material note is infre- a matter of faith. contan cry for help. There is only quently struck. Hear then the battle call: The WRIGHT brothers are by no means one Bureau of Steam Engineering and "And we want every Democrat in the sure that the aeroplane will perform therefore only one legitimate chief saddle; we are going at them again, and prodigies in military campaigns of the thereof, but Secretary MEYER sees going hard." Well, there are several future. Indeed, they are inclined, perthree insistent and accusing claimants of our Democratic friends, say FINGY haps with their usual caution and modamong whom he has to make a choice. CONNERS and CHARLES F. MURPHY, for eration, to assign it a more humble example, whom we should rejoice to see part than some of their admirers do. BHAM and the temporary absorption of in the saddle, even in a side saddle- They say frankly that it will not be that perfectly innocent gentleman in a but of course this is only a figure of practicable to use the aeroplane for muddle of unknown depth and some- speech, and a nicely martial figure, too, dropping explosives into towns and we think. There are higher touches camps and bodies of men, because the The three present pretenders to the of inspired partisan prose, though: attempt would have to be made from

position of Chief of the Bureau of Steam "Whether the candidate is from the such an altitude that precision would wheat fields or the cattle dotted prai- be out of the question. They might 1. Rear Admiral Barton, retired, who ries, south of Mason and Dixon's line have added it was doubtful whether was appointed by President ROOSEVELT or from the busy marts of the great space could be found in the limited metropolis of the East, if he rises to the quarters provided for the operators 2. Our old friend "Admiral" CAPPS, highest point of eligibility and is the to store and handle explosives with who became head of the bureau when logical and regular party choice—that safety to themselves. If the aeroplane of Construction under Secretary New- us to have all the splendid properties of how will it "profoundly affect modern BERRY'S "consolidation" a few months a hypothetical question, in addition to warfare"? The WRIGHTS make no such its own charms. We feel sure no undeclaration.

seems to have been appointed to the Time presses; from the "wheat fields

sent, but who apparently hasn't had but one more beauteous inspiration: "If when darkest Africa swallows up the American hunter in its jungles it peculiar construction of the aeroplane It is evident that Secretary MEYER's swallows also his policies, the Roose- supports it will never be worth while

Tee Tests and Mr. Taft.

There is a commendable cynic of our acquaintance, much given to literary pursuits in a modest way, who once gave pledge of a new and surpassing contribution to some later Bulfinch. Some day in the dim future," said he, "I mean to write a story of a battle between a giant and a dwarf in which the dwarf is beaten, overcome, plain licked, a thing which has never before been done in all literature." We make reference now to the promise because we believe our ingenious friend might find text and occasion in the Presidential tournaments of golf now distracting the and once in a while an undergraduate attention of this mighty nation.

"At the close of the match to-day, says the Washington correspondent of thing from squash to Socialism. Mr. THE SUN, "Mr. TRAVIS remarked that FRANK B. TRACY tells us in the Boston impasse through the crazy inheritance to which he has succeeded, throws up the President had no bad faults of play which must be overcome, but had the clubs at Harvard, Columbia, Princeton, form of a true golfer, and would, he was the University of Pennsylvania, College sure, be able with the right kind of of the City of New York, and an ever be formidable to his opponent, whoever he might be." Here is an eloquent testimonial from a recognized authority. It may be true. But, we ask in all States had foozled at every stroke, if TER, who has found a congenial field of he had topped his ball on every drive, if every herculean swipe had laid a number of students that go breakfastcaddy low, could any patriotic American citizen with soul still vital have said of the Holly Tree Inn, and the Balzac of less? We hope not.

The President of the United States can do no wrong-that is, of course, outside of business hours. The diving ing or moaning about? Where are they ity that hedges a king may not always at? Presumably Mr. TRACY's account protect a President, but on the golf field, here at least the meanest partisan. the smallest pettifogger of party-here he can lay aside his malice and see perfection where it always lies. For ourselves, we should as soon think of taking a love game of tennis from the last President as halving a hole with the Hon. WILLIAM H. TAFT. It is true that our democracy provides no law of Majestatabeleidigung, of lese majesty, recognize that Harvard is the home of breadth but among people truly loyal none has and tolerance, and they are far from disparaging

Of course if we were mean muckrakers, searchers after the truth which the paltry words of Mr. TRAVIS. Can a ism. NIRTESCHE, SHAW, STIRNER, IBBEN, WELLS, selves, if we had played with the Presiit matters not-superlatives would be The mission of the medium, the new lacking-words would fail us to de-

great golf. Lives there a man who, standing in hearing afar off the applause of the nation, feeling in every sense the thrill exhibaration and enthusiasm enough. glory in the Presidential play, or later, To and to all the unborn generations of his gracefully conceded yesterday morning family yet to come, fail to record the critical moment when his opponent, the President of the United States, holed Yet how to begin even a Democratic out from the tee in one-or in one hundred? We think not. Mr. TRAVIS had done well, exercised much restraint, and showed relative veracity. We expect to hear from him again.

The Aeropiane in Warfare.

In his annual report, made in Decem ber last, Secretary of War WRIGHT said that when mechanical flight has been developed to the extent now believed probable it will profoundly affect modern warfare." The vagueness of Genwas not surprising. He presented few Wintfred Holt, the devoted friend and tirehandicapped by want of funds. Flights their opinion that the airship would We are glad to recognize, however, profoundly affect modern warfare was

" The only practicable use of aeroplanes in war fare will be as scouts and messengers."

THE BATTLE OF THE LEVELS.

What Is Mr. Taft Going to Do? TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: news item from Washington under date sion, quotes Colonel Goethals as saying that the excavation of the Panama Canal will be required is another obstacle to the be remembered that the canal through the achievement. The expert knowledge Culebra Cut has been altered in the plans from 200 feet in width to 300 feet in order

The lock type was adopted because the

minority of the Board of Consulting Engi-

neers did not believe excavation possible at a rate that would have completed a sea level canal in less than twenty years. Therefore the Commissioners, excepting Admiral Endicott, felt that they should be applauded in recommending a big dam, which has a variety of questionable features, as shown by the official testimony of the army engineers who are building it; and a set of locks, as to the safety of the plans for success and safety for scouting pur- which there is a difference of opinion beposes against an alert enemy, its radius tween Majors Harding and Sibert, to form, in conjunction with the Pacific locks and dams, which have had to be moved because they had no foundation, a lake which owing to the water flow in the recently shown up fissures is a pure "chance" as to whether the water will rise, to expedite completion. So the army engineers obediently started in on the programme, placing their faith in Divine Providence to cease its regular practice of causing earth quakes on the 1sthmus that open fissuses, and must be "barred," according to Major Sibert, to give hope of stability in case the dam stave where built and the fissures de

not carry away the water. increasing number of colleges in the So on August 1, 1911, the digging, which has so far exceeded expectations and which Middle and Far West." These college improved dredges and modern methods Socialists are "affiliated with" the Inwould still further expedite and which contercollegiate Socialist Society, among tinuous day and night work at the present whose governors are such venerated rate of over 38,000,000 yards a year would increase to over 101,000,000 yards a year, will stop. Then if at that time Mr. Taft has labor at Cambridge in computing the persisted in closing his ears to the calls for a commission that shall consider the matter less or beefsteakless since the closing in the light of the history of the work and the ends desired to be accomplished, and not Sausages, whom his modesty forbids us solely from the point of view of reputations to be sustained and reports to be white-What are the college Socialists moonwashed, the world will behold a peculiar spectacle, a sight that will make us the laughing stock of the nations and endanger of the Cantabrigian brethren is subthe political party that allowed its leaders

stantially true of Columbians, Princeto provide it. tonians, Pennsylvanians and the rest: On August 1, 1911, unless an important personage has meantime reconsidered, the " These Harvard Socialists affect to be practi digging will perforce under the lock plan cal first of all, and declare that there are a great stop short, but the problematic lock and many pitifully sickly and anæmic influences at dam construction and the filling of the lake work at Harvard, that few of the professors can really be said to smack of real robustness and are not due to be ready for three years and virility, and that it is little wonder indeed that three months thereafter, according to Colso many undergraduates get all their exhibaration onel Goethals's hopeful estimate, taking no and enthusiasm out of athletics. The Socialists account of slides, fissures, earthquakes, or differences of opinion in his own camp; or four or five years longer, according to Enthat: but what makes it seem so narrow and sultry gineer Hunter, who bailt the Manchester a world to them is that so much is talk and opin locks. Surely this is a remarkable vista of a situation where the lock type was adopted " So the Harvard Socialist Club not only stands for Socialism, it stands also for an active radicalto save time!

Mr. Roosevelt the intrepid, who joyously stands for the charge of a he rhinoceros and uproots the whiskers of the African lion, could bravely pass over a report of a majority board which included depth and extent of the movement at Harvard, all of the world's greatest canal building and operating engineers, in favor of a report of a minority, not one of whose signers Narrow and sultry, sickly and ansemic. We entreat these young gentlemen not had ever had a day's experience in building or operating a ship canal. The Soo is to be too severe with the faculty. The only real robust and virile professor in not a canal; it is simply a low lift single lock the world is the professor of omniscioto the difference of levels is unavoidable. im! Much and ignorantly as he bastee the adoption of sea level the only course the Socialists, he is a Socialist without of logic, did not lack the nerve to saddle his knowing it. He is in the same grade successor with a new board of whitewash of intellectual youth as these college engineers, whose report was known by Socialists. He will give them action, every engineer in the country the day their names were announced.

What of Mr. Taft? Will he blind himself by heredity to the requirements of The election of the Hon. GEORGE B. shippers and the facts that are laid before McClellan as Mayor of New York was him and persist in permitting the present disgraceful plan until August 1, 1911? Or -for the first time, we believe-by the will he exercise his own independent analytical faculties that have brought him to his high position and appoint an engineering or Senatorial committee that shall consider tributing Editor is now moving his paraall the facts, testimony and evidence, and thus insure the completion of a sea level canal in far less time than the most hopeful ing if he stalked and caught a dodo. lock promise? ONLOOKER. tion in the name of the new hunting NEW YORK, May 13.

Commerce and Industry Abread. Beigian works are getting large orders steel rails from Brasil, Sweden, the Congo other countries, also for bolts and metal ties. There are few hearts that have not been The rubber industry in Mexico is not as profi able as was expected. Inside of a few years the Far East will have 60,000,000 para trees producing piete its needed fund of \$100,000. As Helen Keller has said of this association, "It is the from one to three pounds a year of rubber su-perior to the best Mexican grades. Fewer trees produce more rubber in the Far East.

The study of English has been made compulsor in the primary schools of Quatemala.
In 1908 there were organized in Austria thirty. five toint stock companies, with \$15,500,000, about half the 1907 record in number and amount. Italian imports of American goods in the nine months ended March, 1909, reached a value of \$47,278,701, or \$6,215,000 more than in the nine months ended March, 1908. Argentian's imports were \$25,484,817, an increase of \$1,148,000. The Swedish Government has appointed a tariff ammission in preparation for a thorough revision

of the tariff in 1910. July 1, 1909, will begin the enforcement of the new pure food law in Switzerland. The American meat trade is largely interested, as some of the restrictions are very stringent and the inspection

fees may be put far too high.

The Mexican Railroad finds its facilities over taxed to move the immense importations enterin the country at the port of Vers Cruz. Notab among importations the automobile demand in Mexico is shown to be steadily increasing. Taxicabs are a success in Mexico city. All told Mexico bought \$36,897,715 worth of American nine months ended March, 1809

Mexican goods. Portugal imports yearly from \$60,000,000 to \$65,000,000 worth of merchandise, of which 8 per cent. Is American. Six articles. cotion, corn. , tobacco, wheat and staves, a imported. That \$700,000 is made up of nearly 300 articles, many of which are materials for manu-facturing. In manufactures imported the American share is insignificant. Transportation is our can mare is insignment. Transportation is our handicap besides want of knowledge of the Portuguese market. American letters are not infrequently addressed "Lisbon, Spain." Tariff rates are high.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I hazard the opinion that "R.," who writes in to-day's will find a consumer if the conter gets to the Hon. William H. Taft, and that he will not consume much ink with the word that he will not consume much ink with the word he writes on it either. His rebuke, I believe, to the suffrage agitation in the District of Columbia will be mild in comparison. New York, May 12. JAMES D. DRWELL, Jr.

He la To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: Heavy Lemon of Mansfield, Ohio, ought to be near enough to the main squeeze to admit him. Is he?

A. G. MORER,

They Have Strength and Cum Most Dangerous G John A. M. Lethbridge in Forest and Stre

After all one may shoot elephant or rhino, but a buffalo is, I think, the pick of the basket. Undoubtedy he is the most dangerous of all African game, and I think this is the opinion of all who have hunted him. He is no mean antagonist, for he is most ferocious and savage and has strength and minning to back it up. If you wound one of them, look out.

The sun was just going down when, turning around a sharp bend, I came upon five buffaloes not more than 100 yards from me, and among them were two fine bulls. They had evidently just come out from the thick bush and were busily feeding, but one cow must have heard us, for she began to be suspicious. It did not take me a moment o make up my mind, and aiming just behind the shoulder of the nearest bull I fired.

and down he went like a log.

For a moment the remainder stood per fectly still, long enough for me to fire my second barrel at the other bull. That my shot was good I knew, as I plainly heard the thud of the bullet, but it had—or seemed to have—no effect on the bull, which dashed into the bush with the rest. Now, as I have said, following a wounded buffalo is no fun, and I thought it best to let well alone until

the following morning. Luck was with me and the following morning we took up the trail, and had not gone more than about 100 yards before we name upon the bull, dead of course and untouched. I found that my bullet had out the bottom of his beart, but he still had had sufficient strength to travel that distance A right and left at buffalo and both bulls is something worth making, and to say that I was proud hardly describes my feelings. Although it was a piece of extraordinary good luck, I had bad luck with the head afterward, losing both in the capsising of a cance on the Zambesi.

VARIE LECTIONES.

Further Proceedings of the Profance Classic Text Society.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I send yo herewith the parior version of the story as I have told it for twenty-five years. It has always appealed to me as illustrating the inherent inde-pendence of the New England character. I have always indexed it mentally with "David Eiginbrod" and the "bear story." BOSTON, May 12.

Forrty-two days sout, an' not a drop o' tie is the tanks. I went forra'd. The lookaout he halled. "On deck, sir," see he, "ther she blaows."

blaows; shall I lower?" Cap'n Symes, he gin a look to wind'ard. "Mr. Symes," ses he. ("Twas cur'ous, his name was Cap'n Symes and my name was Mister Symes, but we warn't neither kith nor kin.) "Mr. Symes," sez he, "it's a-blaowin' right smart peart, and

don't see fitten for to lower." I went forra'd. The looksout he halled again, "On deck, sir." sex he, "thar she blaows an I went aft. "Cap'n Symes." sex I, "thar she blaows an' spaouts. Shall I lower?

Cap's Symes, he cast an eye aloft. "Mr. Symes," see he, "it's a-blaowin' right smart peart, and I don't see fitten for to lower." I went forra'd. The looksout he balled again. I went aft. "Cap'n Symes." sez I. "thar she

blaows an' spaouts an' breaches. Shall I lower?" Cap'n Symes, he took a look at the claouds that was a-scuddin' agrost. "Mr. Symes," sez he, "it's a-bisowin' right' smart peart, an' 1 don't see I went forra'd. The lookaout, he halled again.
"On deck, sir," see he, "that she blacks an'
spacute an' breaches, an' it's a right smart speerm

blaows an' spaouts an' breaches, an' it's a right smart speerm whale too. Shall I lower?"
Cap'n Symes, he gin a last look at the weather "Mr. Symes," see he, "it's a blaowin' right smart peart, an' I don't see fitten for to lower, still —if you're so goldarned sot on lowerin, you can

lower an' be hanged to you." t forra'd and sings sout for volunteers, an the boys jest tumbled over each other a-dropping into the boat. I took the steerin" oar aft. "Shove off," sen I, "give way," an' when we was quite a ways off, "way enough," sen I, "I'm death on a long shot," an' I gin him the iron. Daown he goes. on good foundation in a region where earth-quakes are unknown—a lock that owing alongside, an' I gin him the lance, an' that set-

Cap'a Symes, he'd worked the ship to wind'ard and that he laid clost alongside with his yards him credit for that: jest like shootin' a catboat up to a wharf, an' as I was a swarmin' over the side, thar stood Cap'n Symes with tears in his eyes as big as hoss chestnuts.

"Mr. Symes." sez he, "forrty years." sez he "I've sailed the seas." sez he, "man an' boy, man an' boy, an' in all that time I never see no mate to compare with you," see he. "Mr. Symes," see he. "you're the Jim Dandlest mate as ever I salle shipmates with," see he. "Mr. Symes," see he daown in my cabin in the starboard looker aft. sez he, "you'll find some prime Havana seegars, an' the best o' Lawrence's sould Medford New England rum," ses he. "That best o' Lawrence' aould Medford New England rum." ses he. "at hem prime Havana seegara," sez he, "is your's for the rest of the v'y'ge."

"Cap'n Symea," ses I, "you can take them prime Havana seegars an' that best o' Lawrence's aould Medford New England rum," sez I, "an stick 'em overboard as fur as I'm consarried. All I asks is common sea-vility; an' that o' the gol-darndest commonest keind."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I have be guiled a tedious interval by reading as much as I have been able of the discussion of the Nan-tucket classic. I fear, though, that I must have missed some of it, for it is hardly possible that I story correctly. My authority is Cap'n Coffin, whose word will

not be questioned by any who remember the brilliant staff that William Henry Huribert had in 1877-78. Cap'n Coffin knew all the sea stories there were, and then some, and those that were imperfect when they came to him were perfect after he had told them once Be sure he was guilty of no such foolishness as to talk of "see-vility." What the mate really

and was:

"I don't want nothin' from you, cap'n, but
plain, ordinary servility, an' damn little of that.'
An' I goes forrard."

DAVID A. CURTIS. An' I goes forrard." DAVID A. CURTIS.
St. LURE'S HOSPITAL, May 12.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: It is with sincerest gratitude that I write to you. You have done humanity a noble service in collecting the variants of the [Classic of Profanity, thus enabling the higher criticism to determine for generations yet unborn what is the original and authentic version. Let me contribute [my tlay fragment: "Hask nothing from you, air, but sighvility and that of the commonest

NORTHPORT, L. I., May 11.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: In to-day Son "Another Bermudian" gives, I consider, the best version of the prolane sea classic, according to the tale as narrated to me many times while voyaging on the seven seas, and even from a more original and authoritative source. I have besitated long to name the mate Mr. Sims as my great-grandsire, but now do so since your correspondent Mr. George Otis Draper claims this relationship to the captain, to whom he gives the name of "Bunker." He adduces no further evidence to strengthen his claim than to tell of the captain's lack of "seevility" to a lighthouse inspector who called to see if he was on his job in, to whom he gives him." as keeper of the Sankaty light. I have no d mentary evidence to establish my contention, and no living witness since "Old Bill Jones" joined

A Preserver Wanted.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Can some of your readers give me a recipe for keeping eggs! I have heard that soluble glass (silloate of soda) is an excellent preservative, but I don't know the relative proportions of silicate and water, nor whether the eggs must be packed in any certain way. I will sertainly appreciate any information on the subject. AMATRUR FARMER.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 12.

the captain and mate in "Davy's" locker

NORWICE, Conn., May 10.

The Cincinnates of Steeben.

From the Elmira Advertiser.
The Ron. Frank C. Platt, State Senator from his agricultural and dairy duties on his farm near

SHOOTING AFRICAN BUFFALOES THE MASSACRE IN ASIA MINOR

That the Armenians Were the Aggressors Is Emphatically Denied. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: In a letter upon the massacres in Asia Minor that appeared in THE SUN of May 10 there are some sweeping assertions that are not borne out by the facts. The writer signs

himself "Traveller." His lack of correct information is astonishing. "The Cathoics, the Greeks, the Protestants and a dozen other sects," he says, "dwell there (in Turkey in security, and, so far as I know, bave always done so. He must have overlooked the despatches that say that Protestant pastors were butchered in the Adana provnce. Here are the numbers of Christians butchered by Turks since 1820:

1822-Greeks 1850-Nestorians and Armenians. 1876-Bulgarians..... 1894-96—Armenians. 1909—Armenians (estimate of the Rev. S.

R. Trowbridge) Only a native of Turkey can have an adequate idea of the sufferings which the help-

less Christians had to endure during the intervals between massacres. It is no exaggeration to say that since the time of Genghiz Khan and Tamerlane the Turks have been constantly elaughtering the Christians in some part of Turkey. "The Turkish outbursts, abominable and

barbarous as they are," to quote "Traveller" again, "have been no more so than the Armenian outrages which provoked them." No wonder the person who made this asser. tion is not willing to publish his name. It is the most preposterous statement that could possibly be made. Who ever heard of Armenians massacring the Turks? entirely mistaken if he thinks that he can make the intelligent American public accept such gross distortions of fact. H. M. DADOURIAN,

Instructor, Yale University. NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 12.

The Armenians Defended by the Rev. Dr. Barton.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUNattention has just been called to a letter in THE SUN of May 10 signed by "Traveller, n which I am made to say that "the Arme nians richly deserved the treatment they have received," referring to the horrible slaughter that has recently taken place in the city of Adana and adjacent territory in Cilicia, Turkey.

Nothing I have ever said, or even thought, would admit of such an interpretation. While in that stricken territory there has been for months an intense and increasing race hatred between some Armenians and some Moslems, it is perfectly well known that the most of the Armenians have been stanch supporters of the new regime, and to this end they have closely cooperated with the constitutional Moslems. It is also well known that vast numbers of those who have perished or who have suffered the loss of everything but life were as innocent of any act that could possibly be interpreted into terms of disloyalty or as tending to excite the fanaticism of the Mosiems

as is "Traveller," or the writer of this letter. In my judgment, there was no provoking cause sufficient to justify any attack whatever by the Mohammedans upon the Armenian population of that district. The Armenians number less than one-fifth, possibly less than one-sixth of the population. The police and troops are all armed Moslems.

less than one-sixth of the population. The police and troops are all armed Moslems. If any Armenians were violating the law, or were committing acts that threatened the good order of the district, the Government was strong enough to apprehend such and put them into custody, and the law abiding Armenians would have supported such a step.

So far as I understand the situation the wholesale and indiscriminate attack upon the Armenians was wholly unjustified, and I trust that it will be impartially and thoroughly investigated.

It is not without significance that the outbreak in Adana began upon April 14, the day the then reigning Sultan, Hamid II., thought he had reestablished himself in absolute power at Constantinople, and that the Governor at Adana held back for two days the troops et his disposal from making any attempt to stop the burning, plunder and killing. In n any cares Government troops seemed to leas in lawlessness.

Let us not cast opproblum upon that able, historic, bleeding Armenian race, but rather let us help them to rise from the ruins of their smouldering homes, that their well known abilities may be united with those of their Moslem compatriots in making a new, free and law abiding Ottoman empire.

BOSTON, May 12

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Cleveland, Taft and Another.

Mr. Cleveland had almost a horror of selfadvertising, of notoriety, of doing anything undignified or cheapening the great office which he held. From the standpoint of the flashy, tricky, sensational journal he was, in its own choice vernacular, "a dead un." He furnished no sensational news, he called no man a liar, and bullied no woman; he saw no necessity of taking the public into his confidence when he ordered a suit of clothes; his views on the latest popular novel he kept to himself as religously as his private opinion of Senators or Justices of the Supreme Court or Ambassadors. But Mr. Cleveland stuck to the business for which he had been selected, and managed to do one or two noteworthy and lasting things-the repeal of the silver law. for instance, and the defeat of the silver party—and, living a life of usefulness, at his death the American people placed him

among their great.

Mr. Taft is much the same kind of man. He isn't "running" the petty politics of half the States of the Union, for he does not believe that he was elected President simply to build up a machine for his reelection four years hence. He is going about his work steadily, quietly, but with a definite purpose. He has had to reconcile differences in his party on the tariff, for the tariff is a most complicated question, and in a country so vast as this, and where the interests of different sections are antagonistic, it is inevitable that what will be for the advantage f one industry will be to the injury of preducer or consumer. In his rôle as harmonizer and party leader Mr. Taft has shown that he is both Cleveland and McKinley.

Asking Shakespeare.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The editorial article "The Latest Sin of Samuel Clemens." in this morning's Sun, is proof that the mathematics will be added to the substant of may be employed auccessfully in the solution of stubborn literary problems like that perennial Shakespearian question which received partic-ular emphasis while passing in the course of its checkered career through those pi enriched by the literary labors of the late ignatius Cipher Donnelly. The incluctable knot which has hitherto resisted the desperate though not despairing efforts of such highly analytic brains as the illustrious one just now commemorated has been the fruitful source of conscious humor also. Said one of the two doughty disputants fearing for himself and argumentative friend the fate of our Kilkenny cats: "When I go to heaven I shall ask Shakespeare whether or not he is authentic." "How know you that the immortal bard will be in heaven?" quoth the other. "Oh, that had not occurred to me; then you can ask

CHESTER, May 13. Involved Indian Matrimonial Affairs. For Jones correspondence Sacramento Bee.
For some time it has been a question in the minds For some time it has been a question in the minds of people of this neighborhood as to how Jack Dan had gained possession of Johnny McCash's wife and child. It has now developed that Dan and McCash got into a friendly card game—indian style—and when money ran out McCash put up his wife and little boy. The cards all ran Dan's way and he soon became reseased of A Dan's way and he soon became possessed of a family. As the game had been fairly played the stakes were promptly turned over to the lucky

gambler, and all is serene in the Indian settle ment of Quartz Valley. George McCash, a grown son of John, took a wife from among the Hoopaw maidens two years ago, for whom it is said he paid \$50. The young wife had ideas of her own and soon left her husband. George went to her father and demanded his money back, but as he had lived for a sesson with the maid he finally compromised the matter and slowed the father to keep \$10 out of the \$10

Friends of the Foresti.

First Shad-Don't you think our forests should

Second Shad-Yes: especially plants. 20 mm